In the Specification:

At page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 and extending to line 21, with the following replacement paragraph:

"Divalent metal chelator" includes compounds which chelate or remove divalent metal cations such that metal dependent enzymes such as deoxyribonucleases are inactivated. Deoxyribonuclease, e.g., have been found to inactivate gonococcal DNA in urine over time. Suitable divalent metal chelators include ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), imidazole, ethylene*bis*(oxyethylenenitrilo]tetraacetic acid (EGTA)[[, [ethylene*bis*(oxyethylenenitrilo]tetraacetic acid (EGTA)]]; iminodiacetate (IDA); or 1,2-*bis*(2-aminophenoxy)ethane-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid (BAPTA); *bis*(5-amidino-2-benzimidazolyl)methane (BABIM) or salts thereof. Preferred divalent metal chelators include EDTA and BAPTA. The amount of the divalent metal chelator that is generally present in a reagent solution is in the range of from about 0.001M to 0.1M. More desirably, the amount of the divalent metal chelator in the reagent solution is at least 0.01M.

Please replace Table 1, at page 16 with the following replacement Table 1:

Table 1

Function	Name	Nucleotide sequence 5′ to 3′
Primer	PPNG-L	AGT TAT CTA CAC GAC GC (SEQ ID NO: 1)
Primer	PPNG-R	GGC GTA CTA TTC ACT CT (SEQ ID NO: 2)
Probe	PPNG-C	GCG TCA GAC CCC TAT CTA TAA ACT C (SEQ ID NO: 3)